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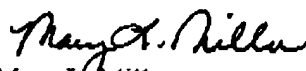
REMARKS

As requested by the Examiner, applicants respond herein to the double patenting rejection of claims 1-13, 16-26, 31, 43-46 and 57 as set forth in the April 8, 2004 Office Action issued for this application. Thus, applicants believe that a *bona fide* response to all of the issues in the April 8, 2004 Office Action has been provided to the Examiner. In light of this response, as well as the response, amendments and new claims previously submitted on October 8, 2004 and February 17, 2005, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims to issue.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the prosecution of the pending claims to issue.

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 50-0220.

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